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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM  
FINANCE MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FINANCE MINISTER OHIRA  
"DEAR MR. MINISTER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE  
ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE  
QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO  
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD."

2. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF INCOMING CONGRATULATORY  
MESSAGE: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXPRESS  
MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR HAVING BEEN  
INAUGURATED, BEARING THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY, AS PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE ADMINI-  
STRATION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY WOULD, FOR THE SAKE OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD, FULLY EXERCISE QUIET BUT  
STEADY LEADERSHIP AND ACHIEVE SPLENDID SUCCESS. RECENTLY  
I RESIGNED THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ASSUMED THE  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE. ON THIS OCCASION, I  
SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE  
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FRIENDSHIP YOU HAD GIVEN ME DURING MY OFFICE IN THE

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, I

SHOULD LIKE YOU TO EXTEND ME THE SAME FRIENDSHIP AND  
COOPERATION AS YOU HAD GIVEN ME BEFORE. MAY I WISH,  
YOUR EXCELLENCY, YOUR HEALTH AND SUCCESS, I REMAIN,  
SINCERELY YOURS, MASAYOSHI OHIRA, MINISTER OF FINANCE

3. DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE DO NOT PLAN TO RELEASE  
BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT. KISSINGER

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